

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 40 (cancelled).

41. (currently amended) An article having a surface protected by a decorative layer comprising a wholly united layer of an ultraviolet ray hardening resin composite absorbed in an ink pattern, the ink pattern absorbing the hardening resin to provide said united layer as a single layer of the combined ink pattern and hardening resin, said united layer being applied to said surface by transfer under water pressure and hardened by ultraviolet irradiation,

said ink pattern including adjacent abutting ink pattern portions formed of ink containing ink pigment, said hardening resin being absorbed by said ink portions in amounts corresponding with the amount of ink pigment in said ink pattern portions, one of which contains ink pigment that absorbs greater amounts of hardening resin and the other of which contains ink pigment that absorbs lesser amounts of hardening resin,

said adjacent ink pattern portions respectively containing corresponding greater and lesser amounts of absorbed hardening resin,

said ink pattern portions containing greater amounts of absorbed hardening resin having a low gloss and said ink pattern portions containing lesser amounts of absorbed hardening resin having a high gloss as compared with said low gloss.

42. (previously presented) The article of claim 41, wherein said ink pattern portions having a low gloss have a glossy degree of less than 20 when measured according to "mirror surface gloss of method 30-60 degree" in Japanese Industrial Standards Z8741 - 1997, and a difference of glossy degree between said ink pattern portions having a low or a high gloss is equal to 10 or more when measured according to "mirror surface gloss of method 30-60 degree" in Japanese Industrial Standards Z8741 - 1997.

43. (previously presented) The article of claim 41, wherein said hardening resin contains a matting component, which imparts a matting effect to said ink pattern portions having a low gloss or a high gloss.

44. (currently amended) The article of claim 41, wherein said amounts of hardening resin absorbed by said ink pattern portions are determined by:

the type of ink pigment present in the ink pattern portion;
the amount of ink pigment present in the ink pattern

portion as determined by the ink pigment concentration in the ink and the coating amount of ink applied in the ink pattern portion.

~~said ink includes ink pigment and said hardening resin is absorbed by said ink pattern in amounts corresponding with the amount of ink pigment in said ink pattern portions.~~

45. (previously presented) The article of claim 41, wherein said ink includes black ink pigment and said hardening resin composite is absorbed by said print pattern in amounts corresponding with the amount of black ink pigment in said ink pattern portions.

46. (previously presented) A water pressure transfer article as in claim 41, wherein said decorative layer has mechanical and chemical surface protection properties and said article does not have a separate protective top coat for said decorative layer.